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Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" What is the percentage of promotion to the higher grade in the case of Assistant Professors? Are they given opportunities to rise to the selection grade in the service."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" I am not able to understand the supplementary question. If the hon. Member means the rate of promotion to the selection grade, the percentage is 5 per cent."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" What is the percentage of promotion from this grade to the higher service ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" Notice."

Excise

Functions of the Abkari Advisory Committees.

*36 Q.—Mr. J. A. Davis: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether the functions of the Abkari Advisory Committee are restricted to the one matter of the approval or change of sites for liquor shops ?

A.—The answer is in the negative. The hon. Member's attention is invited to rules 12 to 14 of the rules for the constitution of, and the conduct of business by, the Excise Advisory Committees published at pages 1262-63 of Part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 6th September 1927.

Effect of Temperance Propaganda on Excise Revenue.

*37 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S Muhammad Meera Ravuttar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state how far the propaganda has affected the Excise revenue of the Government in the districts in which this propaganda is carried on ?

A.—The Temperance Propaganda Scheme has been in operation only since the latter part of the year 1929 and it is too early to estimate its effect on the Excise revenue.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether it is a fact, Sir, that the Excise revenue has increased in spite of the Temperance Propaganda ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" I do not think so."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—" Will the hon. the Minister state whether they are going to continue Temperance Propaganda ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" It has not been settled yet. It is under consideration."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—" May I know when it will be settled ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" I cannot say exactly, when."